

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 29th

LAITY SUNDAY

8:30 am-Confirmation
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
 w/Ingathering store
 10:00 am-Worship w/Carl Turner
 NOW Singers & SS Kids Sing

Monday, October 30th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution
 3:30 pm-Christmas Pageant Practice

Tuesday, October 31st

9:30 am-Staff meeting
 3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders
 HALLOWEEN!!!

Wednesday, November 1st

1:30 pm-Women in Mission
 3:30 pm-Zone 4th-6th graders
 5:00 pm Handbell practice
 6:00 pm-Bible Study w/Kiboko
 6:00 pm-Youth 7th-8th graders
 7:00 pm-Youth meal
 7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

Thursday, November 2nd

9:30 until Noon
 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm
 Ingathering Kit assembly

Saturday, November 4th INGATHERING

Sunday, November 5th

ALL SAINTS DAY

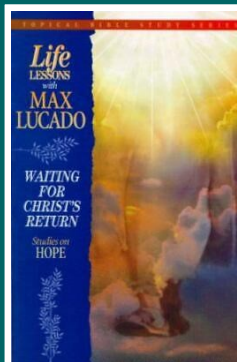
8:30 am-Confirmation
 9:00 am-Bible Study w/Melva
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
 10:00 am-Worship w/Communion
 2:00 pm-Grief Facilitators Training

Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Bev Schmidt
Melva Bainbridge	Reid (Rude) Sears
Coleen Baughman	David Walker
Lance Bellinghausen	Margaret Weber
Donna Blom	Dawn (Margo's sister)
Virginia Carlson	Sherie Gibson
Kevin Eddie	Rob North
Marlon Gasner	Harold North
Drew Havens	Those battling depression.
Wally Johnson	Barb Seiler
Dyese (DK) Kilumba	Jasmine Ioanis
John Nichols	Ethanray Ioanis
Kim Piercy	Wayne Stark
Deb Richardson	Kathy Wadsley
Karen Salmen	

Birthdays this week in Oct/Nov

Haylee Gatzmeyer 30th
 Nancy Johnson 30th
 Kingston Imel 1st
 Bob North 1st
 Dave Kofmehl 4th
 Antonio Zamora 4th



Melva Bainbridge
 will be leading a
 5 week
 Bible Study
 beginning
 Sunday, November 5th
 At 9:00 am
 PLEASE JOIN US!

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Ingathering



We will be assembling
Ingathering Kits

Thursday, November 2nd
 9:30 am- Noon
 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
 PLEASE JOIN US!

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 29, 2023 Laity Sunday
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COLOR: GREEN

PRELUDE

"Prelude & Fugue in G minor"
"God the Spirit, Guide & Guardian"

Deanna Larson, organist
J.S. Bach
D. Phillips
Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and join in singing...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

-Chorus-

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

-Verse 2-

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

-Chorus-

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me
(continued...)

-Verse 3-
Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

-Chorus-
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thine hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...

Jodie Morin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our hearts are lifted toward God.
P: **God created all that is!**
L: We celebrate that great love of God.
P: **God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.**
L: Rejoice and be glad today!
P: **Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. AMEN.**

Please join in the...

Jodie Morin

***OPENING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives to your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH # 70

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen, Amen

Please join in the...

Jodie Morin

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking if you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives to your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

Please be seated and hear these ...

Jodie Morin

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with God's compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice! AMEN.

ALL: AMEN. THANKS BE TO GOD!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH # 377

-Verse 1-

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

-Chorus-

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

-Verse 2-

Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

-Chorus-

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

-Verse 3-

My sin oh the bliss
Of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

-Chorus-

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

(continued...)

-Verse 4-
And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

-Chorus-
It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT "Jesus Loves Me" Joan Rude

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.
Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**
L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**
L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**
L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**

THE CHURCH IN MISSION (*surprise*) Tina & Josh

SPECIAL MUSIC NOW SINGERS
"There's a Crown Awaiting" Joan Rude, director
by Jay Rouse

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

THE BIBLE READINGS

Luke 11:1-13

Aaron Johnson

Romans 1:8-15

Aaron Johnson

SERMON

"Pondering Prayer"

Carl Turner

MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are, or you can come to the altar during special music.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE NOW SINGERS

Joan Rude, director

"Jesus, Savior, Friend"

Cloninger/Rhodes

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

D. Hegarty

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC
Offering plates will be passed.

Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.

Please stand and join in singing...

*DOXOLOGY

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Based on Matthew 22:15-22)

Jodie Morin

Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your altar - all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom"

UMH # 666

Shalom to you now
shalom my friends
May God's full mercies
bless you my friends
In all your living and
through your loving
Christ be your shalom
Christ be your shalom

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

***CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

POSTLUDE

"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"

Deanna Larson, organist
P. Manz